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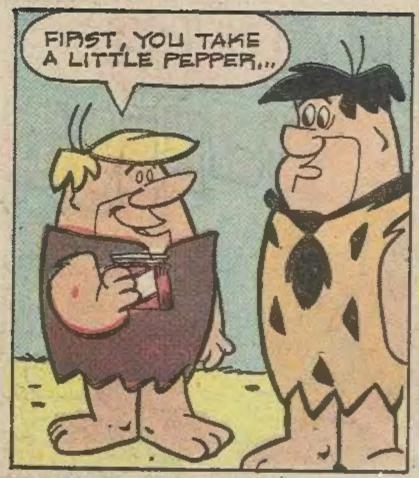








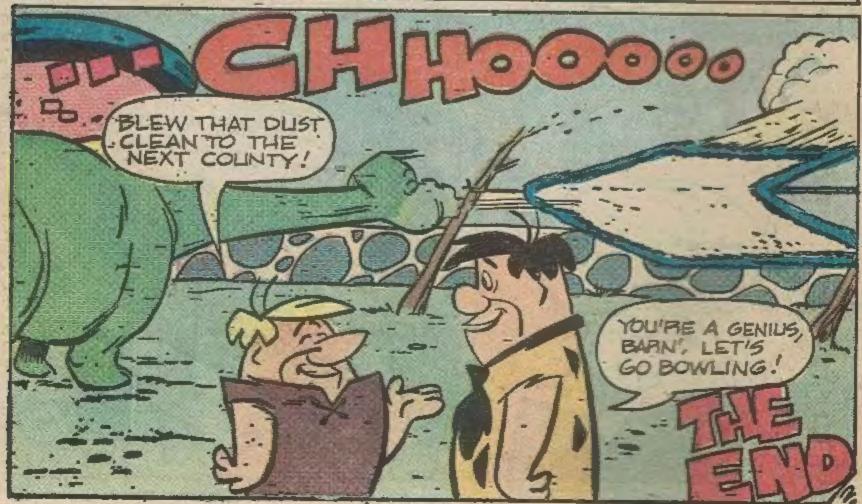


















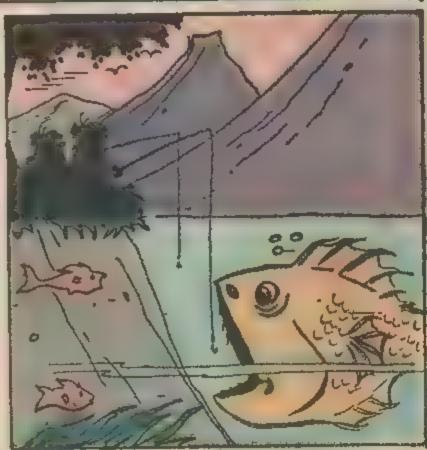












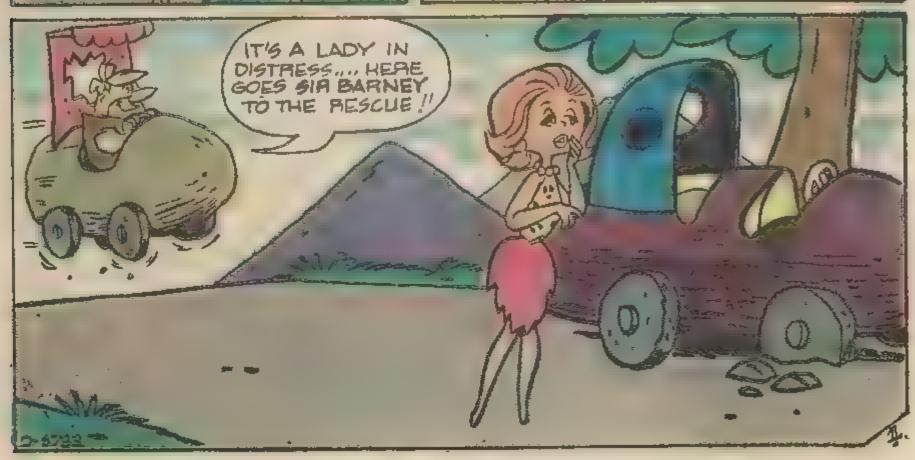






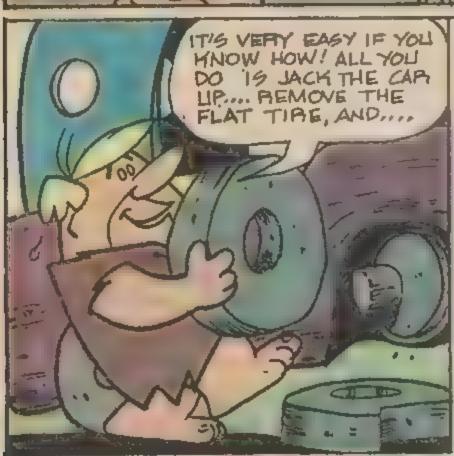


















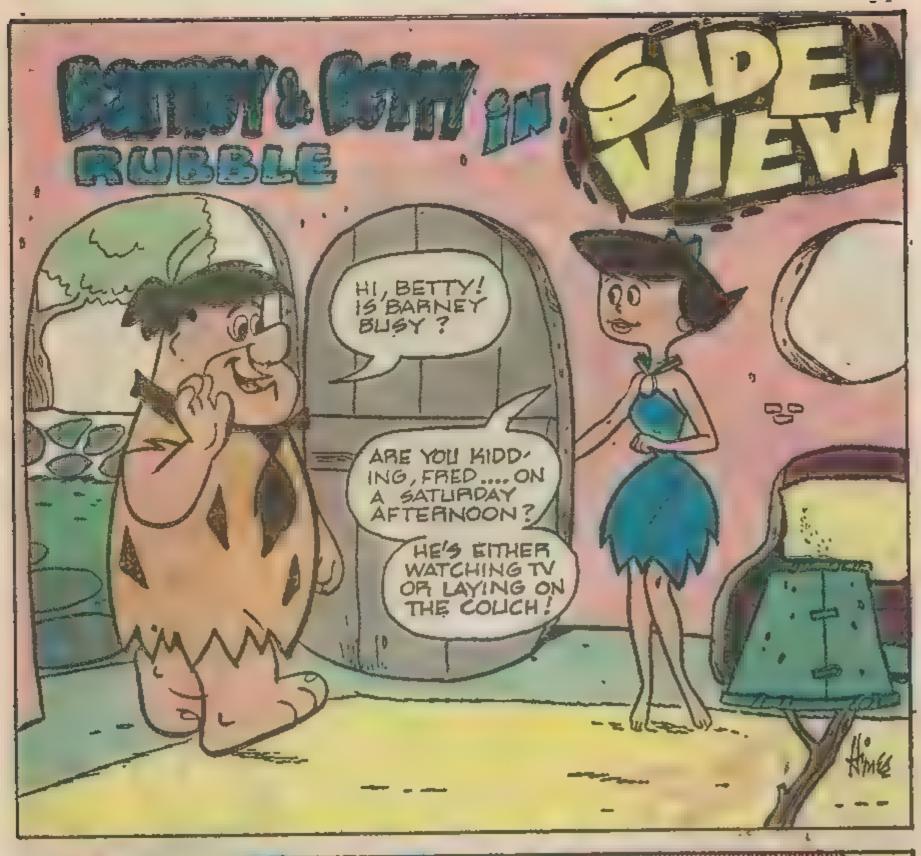




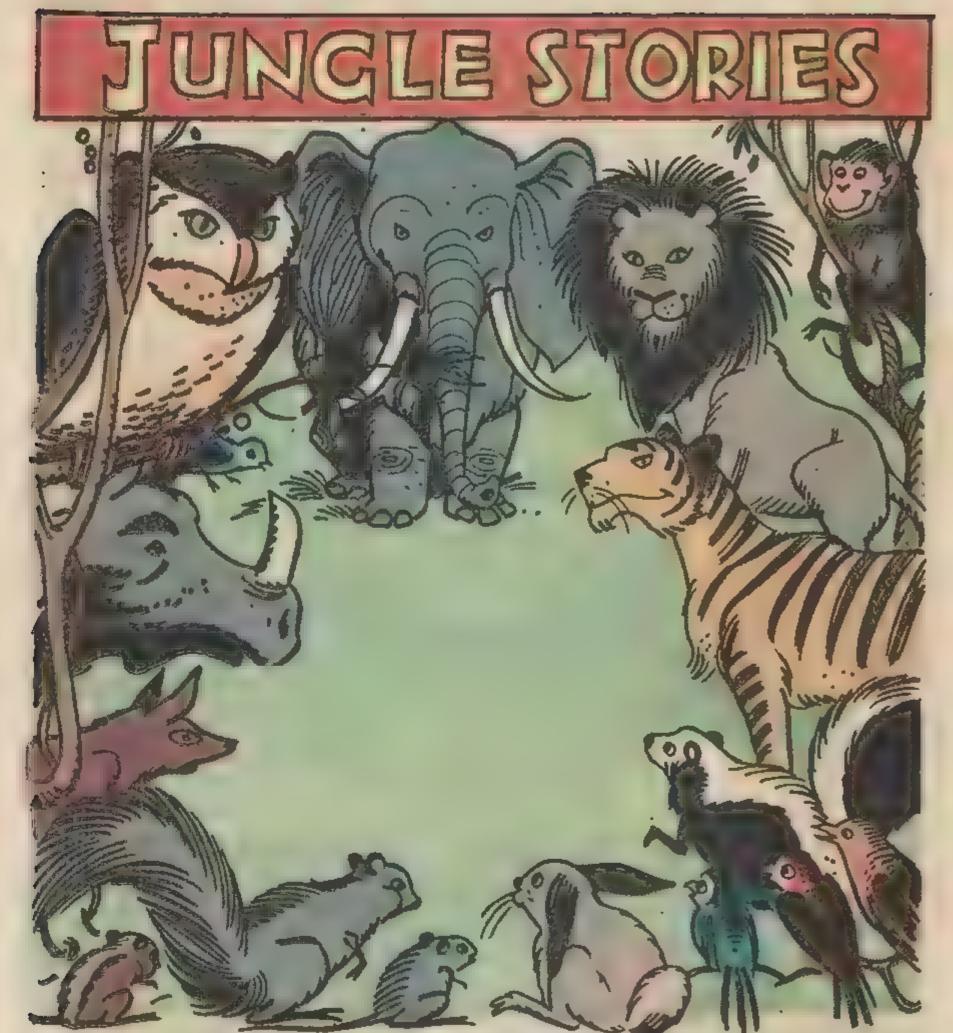












The wise, old owl blinked his eyes. "Welcome to the lungle." he said as he stretched his neck and shook his head. "I have lived here all of my life. The jungle has no secrets from me." He opened his sharp talons and clamped them tightly around the branch he was resting an high on a vine-covered tree. "The jungle is a mysterious, hostile place. It has many animal inhabitants. Some are peaceful. Some are not. There are many strange tales to tell of the jungle and its animals. The story of how the lien became King of Beasts is one of the strangest of all..."

In the beginning, the jungle had no ruler. Therewere no laws or rules. The animals did as they pleased. The jungle was a terrible place, unfit for man or beast. Mighty elephants scratching their backs knocked down trees destroying bird homes. Hippepetamuses stepped on rabbit houses causing the
roofs to cave in. Tiny bugs plagued the big animals
because small animals didn't eat insects just to get
even. Spite work was everywhere in the jungle,
finally, all the animals tired of pranks and tricks, met
at the waterhole to select a ruler who would make and
enforce lows. The animals sat in a great circle. Every
species was represented. There were unicorns, dodo
birds, mice and bears. There were animals large and
small. Judges were picked to select the best possible
ruler.

"I should be king!" bellowed the elephant raising his trunk and stomping into the center of the circle. His feotsteps made the earth tremble. His ivery tusks protruded menacingly from his face. The judges were impressed with the elephant. "Are you brave?" called a tiny mouse judge to the elephant. The elephant saw the mouse and was frightened, He ran bock to his place in the circle. "I'm not afraid of mice, I will rule the jungle!" called the tank-like Rhinoceres as he boldly stepped into the ring. "The Rhino might make a good ruler." admitted the animal judges. "He is big, strong and brave. The other animals respect the painted horn he carries on his nose. Come over here so we can ask you a question." said the judges.

The Rhino began to walk towards the grove of trees where the judges were. The Rhino had such small eyes that he couldn't see where he was going. He bumped into a tree and knocked a monkey from his perch. "The Rhino isn't fit to be king! He can't even see where he is going!" chattered the angry monkey. The judges agreed and the Rhino lost his chance of becoming King.

. Who wants to be King?" asked the judges when no other animals volunteered. Three animals answered "I do!" and stepped into the circle at the same time.



The animals were a tiger, a block panther and a lion. The judges asked the three cats on important question. "What would you do if our dead liest enemy — man... came Into the jungle?" "I would tell everyone to hide!" answered the panther. "I would eat him!" said the tiger. "I would roar my loudest and frighten him away so he could tell other man-things never to ven-

thre frite the jungle." said the lian. The panther was dismissed. The judges liked the lian's answer best, but the tiger's was also acceptable. They couldn't make up their minds.

"We cannot decide. We must see who is strongest. You'll have to fight." announced the judges. "Our king must be wise but also healthy, brave and strong." The tiger immediately pounced on the lian. The lian knocked the tiger down with one swipe of his



paw. They stratched and bit each other. They toated, and growled, for was flying as they tolled closer and closer to the waterhole. The battle raged until the lion swatted the tiger and knocked him into the water. "Help! I can't swim!" screamed the tiger. The lion reached out a paw and pulled his floundering fee onto dry land.

"Are you ready to fight?" asked the lien. "Stop! You needn't continue!" shouted the judges. "We've made a decision. The lien is to be King of Beasts! He is wise, strong, healthy, brave ... and also something important that we forgot. He is compassionate!"

"The tiger didn't accept the verdict. He wanted a rematch. When he didn't get one, he ran off into the jungle. That's why whenever a lion and tiger meet ... they fight to see who is King!" The ewl ruffled his feathers and prepared to take a nap. "And so the lion become King of Beasts." said the owl as his sleepy eyes closed. "That's how it happened. I know. I was there!"



